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Stewart Rodgers Convicted of Insurance Fraud

On September 30, 2013, Rodgers was convicted and sentenced in the 2nd District Farmington Court, for several crimes related to criminal activities occurring while acting as an insurance agent. Rodgers was charged with nine felony counts and two misdemeanor accounts by the Utah Insurance Fraud Division.

Rodgers was convicted of Fraudulent Schemes to Obtain Fees or Services, a second degree felony; Communications Fraud, a second degree felony; Theft by Deception, a second degree felony; Forgery, a third degree felony; and Issuing a Bad Check, a third degree felony.

Rodgers was sentenced and sent to prison for concurrent times of 1-15 years in the Utah State Prison and ordered to pay approximately \$24,000 in restitution.

While acting in his capacity as an insurance agent, Rodgers accepted premium payments on commercial policies and deposited these payments into his personal account. Rodgers never forwarded these funds to the insurance company to put the policies in place. To cover his fraud, Rodgers forged insurance policy documents to cause victims to believe an insurance policy was in place. Rodgers further tried to cover his fraud by issuing the victims personal checks on an account that had been closed for over a year.

Rodgers was ordered to surrender his insurance license and will not be allowed to work in a fiduciary capacity for the term of his parole following his release from prison.

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